

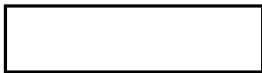
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General Cushman would like to review Watch Committee matters with the DDI and his Watch specialists sometime next week.

The attached memo lists questions which he would like to cover.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: Briefing of General Cushman on Watch
Committee/Strategic Warning Questions

1. Last fall [] proposed that it undertake additional studies of the strategic warning problem. [] was informed at the time that the Agency would defer a decision until General Cushman had assumed the chairmanship of the Watch Committee and had an opportunity to form a judgment about the need for yet another outside survey.

2. General Cushman has been reviewing the background of the [] proposal and would like to make a decision by next week on the need for a follow-on study. Before doing so, however, he would like to be briefed by you and your specialists on a number of questions which he has developed after reading the most recent surveys of the early warning process [] and on the basis of his experience with the functioning of the system.

3. General Cushman's questions are as follows:

a. How do the consumers evaluate the Watch Committee's product?

b. What are the merits of the recommendation for establishment of a secure voice conference net linking the member agencies and the NIC?

c. Do we now have optimum arrangements for collaboration between the NIC and NPIC, DIA and CIA? (In the latter case he is thinking about optimum involvement of DDP and OSR in support of INDICO.)

d. Are research projects on indications and warning problems appropriate subjects for study by ad hoc inter-agency committees?

e. Is there merit in the ☐ suggestion that the filtering of intelligence by the analytical agencies inhibits the effectiveness of the NIC?

f. Do we have the most effective possible arrangement for NIC's use of highly classified intelligence produced by the National Reconnaissance Program?

h. Is it desirable to classify the meaning of the chapters of the Watch Committee and the NIC?

i. What steps might be taken to increase familiarity with the Watch Committee (and hence its stature) within and outside the Intelligence Community?

j. What role do intelligence indicators have in determining intelligence requirements and in the formulation of the weekly NIC agenda for the Watch Committee?

4. General Cushman requested me to pass these questions to you. Please let me know when you would like to schedule a session with him next week.

Signed

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